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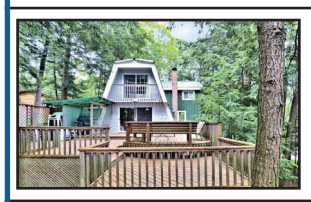

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Tim Burr the Circus Lumberjack will perform at Midnight Madness. /Submitted

Join in Midnight Madness

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

Haliburton's main street will be alive with music, food, entertainment and, of course, great deals for the town's annual street party, Midnight Madness, on Friday, Aug. 4.

The fun gets underway starting at 7 p.m. with Haliburton Dance Academy performing in the middle of Highland Street, which is closed from Cedar/York to Maple Avenue for the evening. (The street from Maple to Dysart Avenue – the space in front of Rexall and Home Hardware – will also be closed during that time.)

Downtown stores will keep their doors open throughout the evening, enticing shoppers with special offers.

"New this year is an outdoor movie," said David Zilstra, publisher of the *Haliburton Echo*, which organizes Midnight Madness along with the Haliburton BIA.

"*Raiders of the Lost Ark* will be playing in the Foodland parking lot at 8:30 p.m. For some kids, this might be the first time they're seeing this classic film. It's a great movie for the whole family."

There will be plenty to see and do throughout the evening including skate park demonstrations, entertainer Tim Burr, a community drum circle, the fire department's beef on a bun and wood fired pizza.

"The *Haliburton Echo* staff will also be scooping free banana splits on the main street at 8 p.m.," said Zilstra. "It's a popular treat, so make sure you line up early."

Free balloons will also be given out for the kids. Midnight Madness was first launched by the *Haliburton County Echo* in the 1980s as a fun way to bring people together and get great deals from local businesses.

It's been a summer favourite ever since.

The *Haliburton Echo* offers a special subscription deal throughout Friday, Aug. 4: $36 for a one-year subscription to either the *Echo* or *Minden Times* ($10 savings) plus you get a $10 Foodland gift card and a chance to win Blue Jays tickets.

Highland Street closes for the event at 6:30 p.m., so make sure you've parked your vehicle on one of the side streets or in the municipal parking lot.

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Cottage contingency plans

JANET TRULL
Special to *County Life*

Some people like to know exactly what to expect when their hard-earned week of holidays rolls around. But cottage vacations are unpredictable. Watching the shivering kids taking their Red Cross swimming classes here at Haliburton Lake, we are coming to the conclusion that the summer of 2017 might not be a memorable waterfront summer.

The covers of cottage magazines do not feature black clouds on the horizon, tree-snapping winds, or puffy-eyed kids with bug allergies. But cottagers, real cottagers, just carry on with their contingency plans. These plans tend to be generational, but the longer the sun stays away, the more the kids are willing to try Nana's rainy day plans.

Here are some contingency plans that are more memorable than a day on a soggy dock.

Baking. Great Grandmother made dozens of oatmeal cookies at the cottage on a cookie sheet that looked like Satan's own. Black and crusty, it was, and more than one daughter-in-law refused to let her kids eat anything baked on it. But of course grandmothers are stealthy. They know how to sneak cookies into bedrooms during afternoon naps. "Eat a peck of dirt before you die," Grandma advised. Turns out, she was right. Whatever was hardened onto that old cookie tin was flavourful and healthy. I think. Baking at the cottage is still a great rainy day project, butter tarts being the favourite at our place. Grandchildren are expert dough-rollers.

Rain or shine, true cottagers know how to take advantage of summer holidays./MERRON VERMEER Special to County Life

Nature. Wet weather brings out rainforest-sized slugs and pre-historic centipedes. Everything is green and lush, including giant ferns. And toadstools? Amazing. The research opportunities are endless.

Treasure Hunt. A nice time-consuming activity. It involves clues, maps, and surprises along the way. Pirate hats are fashioned from last week's local newspaper. Eye patches are recommended and swords are optional. The final clue leads to a stash of coins. Then everyone climbs in the car for a trip to the Rainy Day Store. It is an important tradition

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to re-name your favourite kid-friendly store "The Rainy Day Store." Never, never go there when the sun shines. It's a rule. Cash in the booty and return home. (Note: Pirate treasure is not a college fund. Spend it all.)

Ghost stories. Every cottage I've ever stayed in has a resident ghost. The ghost was either an old logger with a wooden leg, or an artist who went for a paddle in the canoe and never returned. Anyway. Somebody died a long time ago under tragic circumstances and they show up at midnight when the August moon is full.

Cards. A brilliant and economical invention. Where did they come from? China, apparently, well over a thousand years ago. A deck of cards offers endless recreation for rainy days. We have old cards as soft as tissues, dollar store cards for the kids to build houses, and good bridge sets for the serious card players. Crazy Eights, Go Fish, Kings in the Corner and Ninety-Nine still engage the kids. Adult favourites at our place include euchre and 9-5-2. As the rainy day cocktails are poured, the card table gets louder with bawdy games that have rude titles. A lot of fun in a tiny package.

Camp. We are resilient. To a point. Then we ask for help. Our favourite helpers are YMCA Camp Wanakita Day Camp and the Haliburton School of the Arts Summer School. But there are many helpers in Haliburton County. Check the calendar in this newspaper for lots of options.

Séances. Auntie Anne had some success over the years summoning the dearly departed. The rain pitter-pattering on the roof lends important ambiance. Cautionary conversations leading up to the event, assure that all participants are well aware that this is not a game. Dragging spirits back to the human world is serious business. She has had some close calls, when instead of channelling a favourite uncle, she got hold of a malevolent spirit who broke all the cups in the sideboard. Of course this just makes everybody beg to be included. It also dissuades any potential non-believers. If you are a giggler or a poo-pooer of the dark arts, you can go to the bunkie and read an *Archie* comic. Finally, with great reluctance, Auntie Anne agrees to get out the three-legged table. Lights are turned off. A candle is lit. We sit around the little table with our fingertips touching to make a circle of welcoming energy. And then Anne respectfully asks if there is anyone from the spirit world with a message to share. The three legged table taps out an answer. Never fails.

Swimming in the Rain. As long as there's no lightning, you can still swim and paddle and pick blueberries. You can go to the market and golf and bike. We are Canadians and we do not melt. Yes, the towels are perpetually damp, and the wet dogs they do stink. And it's darn hard to have a campfire in a downpour. But some things are better in the rain. Like fishing. And there is no better comfort in the world than crawling into your cottage bed between flannelette sheets to the sound of rain on the roof. It just doesn't get any cozier than that.

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New additions to the Sculpture Forest. /JENN WATT Staff

Cats night!

WHEN I WENT to bed last night I had no idea what this column would be about. Fortunately, our cats woke me up at three in the morning because they were feeling a little hungry. With that in mind, here are 10 pets I'd rather have at 3 a.m.

1. A pet rock: Even if I was forced to have one cat, if I had a pet rock I'd have something to throw at it at 3 a.m.
2. A peeve: Honestly, I don't even know what a peeve is. But I do know a lot of people who are always trying to tell me about their pet peeves.
3. A grizzly bear: While getting up with one roaming the bedroom might be tricky, at least a grizzly bear will not bother anyone who looks like they are dead to the world – as I look at 3 a.m.
4. A snake: If a snake tried to bother me at 3 a.m., I could tie it to a coat hanger and close the closet door.
5. A tortoise: If a tortoise decided to bother you at 3 a.m., it would take till 7 before it got to you.
6. A Sasquatch: They are the perfect pet because no one actually ever sees them.
7. A goldfish: True, they are not exactly thrilling, but all you have to do is show them the toilet once and they'll never bother you at 3 a.m.
8. A lion: A lion would get its own food.
9. A church mouse: They know how to be quiet.
10. The Loch Ness Monster: Mostly because the thing spends all its time hiding in Loch Ness, which pretty well makes it the perfect pet.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

Document, document, document

JOHN JAMIESON
Special to *County Life*

The genealogists of the Highland Grove Museum pore through ancestry files to establish relationships of the approximately 50 families who formed the pioneer families in the Cardiff area. Scant information is available about the Algonquins who occupied the land for perhaps 12,000 years.

Highland Grove had a blacksmith shop, cheese factory, dance hall, Orange Lodge building, post office, several stores and several schools. Fortunately, Valerie Smith published two spiral binders, *Harcourt's Sons and Daughters* and *History of Wilberforce Elementary School and Surrounding Communities.* These books add lots of information about the area in the past, although they lack quality photographs and pictures of people; not due to the author, but because detailed documentation was not a focus in the past.

But, with present day technology, it is possible to produce excellent quality hardcover books, with high grade paper, on events in a community in "quick" time.

In Highland Grove, Joanne Burroughs, lead genealogist, is the prime organizer in continuing a tradition of three community meals in the small community: strawberry supper in June, Heritage Day in September and a turkey supper in November. This event has a core attendance of residents around Highland Grove plus many others who come for the excellent meals and at Heritage Day and music of the Northern Jam players.

Fifty years from now, a historian working at the Highland Grove campus of the University of Haliburton, might have to search deeply to know about how this community maintained a social cohesion. Maybe oral tradition will remember how the community functioned:

"Yeah, they used to get together for meals. It was at a rec centre. They tore down the centre to build the Robowalmart. You know, at the bend in the road. Don't know much more than that. I think those people have passed away. I think my great grandmother talked about it. But she's at the Deer Lake Cemetery now."

Well, Highland Grove will put an end to that fiction. The heritage society takes an event and thoroughly documents it. It starts with meetings, quantity and type of food ordered, cooking methods, advertising agencies, etc. Plus, it takes many photos. At the last strawberry supper, people who entered were asked if we could take their picture, which we would include in a book for our heritage society. Out of the 116 people attending, only two people declined. The meal was on Saturday, compiled the next day on Sunday and sent out to Apple on the internet and the book was delivered in Highland Grove on Friday. Visitors to the library on Saturday were asked if they could find their picture in the book. People pore through the book pointing out their neighbours and guessing the name of the spa owner from Haliburton who once won a 50/50 prize.

On Canada Day, it was an ideal time to document history. The Highlands East municipality organized a tour through Cardiff, Highland Grove, Harcourt, Wilberforce, Tory Hill and ending in Gooderham. Each community had planned events. Participants were asked to submit photos to the municipality and, it took a few weeks for photographs to arrive, but the book was sent on a Monday and arrived on a Friday.

Now that's history. In 2067 it will be in the University of Haliburton library.

John Jamieson is president of the Highland Grove Heritage Society.

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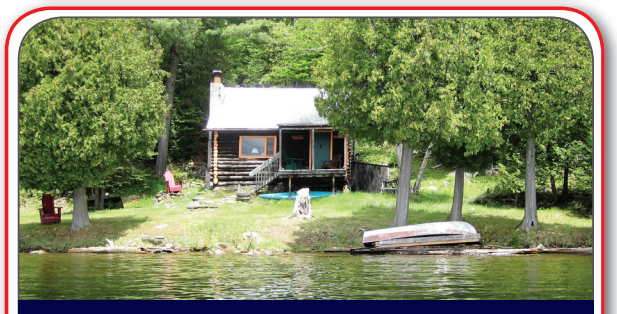

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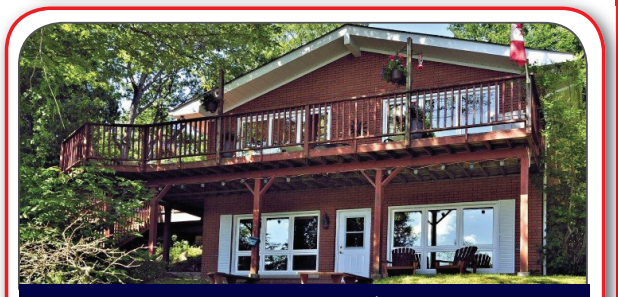

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Studio tour artists make Canada shine

Haliburton County Studio Tour members are steadily working towards the annual fall tour on Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 7 and 8. This year several of the members have been creating pieces that celebrate all of the notable anniversaries occurring this year. Studio S on the studio tour map has created its celebration pieces.

You will find Studio S on Cane Lane, just off of Wonderland Road and only eight kilometres west of Haliburton Village. Susan Watson Ellis and Todd Jeffrey Ellis operate Paradigm Designs where they make fine jewelry and sterling objects of art. Jeffrey represents this momentous year of Canada 150, Ontario 150, and Dysart 150 anniversaries by using pieces of the Canadian Shield and hand-carved lost wax castings in sterling silver of icons that contribute to our world image of "The Great White North." Two Jack Pines pay tribute to the Group of Seven and also included are a kayak and an inuksuk. As well, the Canada 150 symbol is chased and repoused in sterling silver. Jeffrey captures the stark beauty of the land we live on.

Susan's series is cleverly extracted from the official logo created to honour this landmark milestone; each necklace is a diamond shaped facet of the official logo that investigates colour symbolism. The first in the series is titled "Diversity." In this piece Susan considers Canada's multicultural citizenship in response to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's statement "diversity is our strength."

It is set with white topaz and black spinel to represent two extremes joining together. The second is titled "The Flag" to honour the red and white of our Canadian flag. It is set with red garnets and white topaz. The third is "Ontario," which is one of only three Canadian provinces to have an official provincial gemstone – amethyst, thus purple amethyst is offset by white topaz.

Last but not least is "Dysart 150" set with blue topaz and green peridot to represent the beauty of our vast lakes and forests. All are made in Haliburton from sterling silver with hand set stones in Paradigm Designs' lakeside studio. The classic form of these necklaces will pass the test of time as has our great country Canada!

Studio S – Paradigm Design, along with the other 27 tour locations on the Haliburton County Studio Tour, invite you to come and see their anniversary celebration pieces as well as all of their new work that they have been creating this year.

Submitted by Rose Pearson

Todd Jeffrey Ellis represented Canada's 150th with his piece, The Great White North.

Susan Watson Ellis has designed a series of necklaces to celebrate Canada 150.

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Tour de Forest this weekend

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

If you go out in the woods this long weekend, you're likely to find dozens of artists demonstrating their craft. Saturday and Sunday of the long weekend are the dates for this year's Tour de Forest, featuring 27 artists at 16 studios across Haliburton County.

Most studios feature more than one artist and many have gardens that visitors can enjoy while they are also viewing the work.

Co-ordinator Charlene McConnell, who is also on the tour at Purple Door Pottery Studio, said the tour gives artists a chance to meet with their customers.

"The tour gives us the ability to engage with the public and see what they like," she said.

Artists on the tour have a large offering of work for sale at each location and put care into presenting their studios to the public.

"We all start working in January to have fresh work available," McConnell said.

Three new studios have been added this year, all in Minden: Twisted Twig Designs (Mike Townsend), Finn Artists' Centre (Carole Finn), and John Lennard's Studio House (John Lennard).

New guests this year: Marleigh McConnell (Purple Door Pottery), Renee Woltz (Studio F with Jane Selbie) and Alan Douglas Ray (Studio E with Barbara Joy Peel).

Studios on the tour are in Minden, Carnarvon, West Guilford, Haliburton, Highlands East and points in between.

Tour de Forest is Aug. 5 to 6 between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check out www.haliburtontourdeforest.com for details.

Each studio will have raffle tickets for visitors to fill out. On Sunday evening, one ticket will be drawn and the winner will receive a $200 gift certificate redeemable from any artist on the tour. The more studios you visit the more chances to win.

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Lake Kashagawigamog Organization:

'NEW' Kash Bash

Aug. 26 at Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp – 7 p.m.
Come and enjoy a night out! Meet new neighbours on the lake, listen to music and watch a beautiful sunset. Beer tasting by Haliburton Highland Brewery commences at 8 p.m. food will be provided. More details will be coming soon! If anyone is interested in helping out or wants more details: Email Kirsten at social@lko.ca or Gary at president@lko.ca.

KLPOA (Kushog Lake):

Kushog Lake Annual Picnic

Saturday, Aug. 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pine Spring Valley Resort, Hwy. 35 at Pine Springs (approximately 3.5 k north of Ox Narrows)
Decorated boat contest sail past at 11 a.m., followed by water races/activities, and countless land events, including the infamous tug-o-war – barbecue and refreshments!
Contact Susan Harvey at 705 489-2657

Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association

Weekly Red Cross Swimming Lessons

New lessons start each Monday starting July 3, 9 a.m., ends week of Aug. 14
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Each week starting Wednesday July 5, 3 p.m., ends Aug. 16
Public Beach South End Haliburton Lake, Hodgson Road
Bats, balls, bases provided

Weekly Kids Bingo

Each Week starting Tuesday July 11, 7 p.m., ends Tuesday Aug. 15, HLCA Hall, 5041 Haliburton Lake Road
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2017 Drag and Spruce Lakes

Please check our website in case there are changes to times, locations or events. We still require trainees and helpers for some events. Please call Barb (705-457-8864) if you can help. You will have training assistance, meet great people, and have lots of fun!

Ced Hurd Memorial Swim

Coordinator: Greg Platt 705 457-282
Location: Leinauer's Beach to Curry's Beach
Date: Saturday, August 5th
Registration: 9 am, Race Start: 10 a.m.

Novelty Swim Day Sat., August 5th

Location: Podmore Beach Time 2:00 PM
Coordinators: Kristen & Kylie Booth
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Fun Day and Hot Dog Barbecue

Sunday, Aug. 6
Location: The Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd
Time: 2 p.m.
Coordinator: Brian Hentschel
705 457-1022
(If rained out the alternate day is Monday, Aug. 7 at 11 a.m.)

Volunteers' Get Together

Saturday, Aug. 12 at Noon
Join us for a barbecue and some friendship. All volunteers are welcome and please bring your family. The more the merrier! RSVP to Barb by Aug. 1 please so we can have all the goodies!
babohlin@gmail.com
Location: the Gonnsens Game Room, 2425 Fred Jones Road

Golf Day/ Lunch - Saturday, September 2nd

Location: Haliburton Golf Course (* please check website for changes)
Cost: $45.00 Time: 10:00 AM
As usual - cost Includes cart, 9 holes, lunch and prizes!
Call Wayne Hussey 705 457-2892 to register.
(The usual trophies plus a special prize for best family score!)
You can send email to event organizers through our association email address at dragandsprucelakes@gmail.com. or contact Barb, the coordinator at babohlin@gmail.com, 705 457-8864
All events are free to paid up members, their families and guests!

Canning Lake

Family Fun Day

Saturday, Aug. 5, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
** NEW TIME**
Ingoldsby Park (on the baseball diamond and surrounding park). Fun, food and friendship! Games for kids and adults, a raffle table (5 free tickets per family) and a barbecue lunch. For more info contact: generalenquiries@canninglake.ca

Sailing Regatta

Sunday, Aug. 6, 10:30 a.m.
Meet by the double orange markers in the big part of the lake, for an 11 a.m. start. All boats and skill levels are encouraged to come out for a friendly sail.

Ice Cream Float Day

Sunday, Aug. 13
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Watch for the "ice-cream boat" as it progresses around the lake. Arrive at the ice-cream boat in a craft without a motor and enjoy (till supplies are exhausted).

Dock Sale

Saturday, August 26, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Bring your treasures out onto the dock for others to admire and buy. Display your 'gently used' items on the end of your dock and neighbours will visit by water. Remember, your 'used' items could be some else's treasure.

Photo Competition

Submit pictures by email in digital (.jpg) format for judging to johncoll@sympatico.ca.
Minimum 10 photos per entry. Include the photographer's name; age category – Children 8-13, Youth 14-18, Adult 19+; photography category – Nature Scenes, Animals/Wildlife, Action Pictures; contact information and titles or descriptions of each image sent. All pictures must have been taken in our beautiful Canning Lake area and submissions must be received no later than Feb. 1, 2018 (via email). Winners will be featured in the spring issue of our Dock Talk newsletter and on the website. See page 10 of the Spring Newsletter.

Fred Jones Bass Award

June 12 – Sept. 4 (Labour Day)
Calling all "fisherfolk" of all ages. This competition is for the largest bass caught on Canning Lake from June 1 to Labour Day. To enter, you must take your fish to Ed Brown (1188 Silverwood Road) to have your fish weighed and measured before you return it to the water. The prize of $25 is open to all ages so get out there and get fishing. The big ones are waiting for you!

Mountain Lake

The Mountain Lake Property Owner's Association Picnic is for members on Sunday August 6 with games, food and fun. Bring your musical instruments. Runs from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the M.N.R. boat launch site on Judge Jordan Road.

Around Our Lakes is provided by the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations. Be sure to catch Around Our Lakes on radio at 100.9 Canoe FM on Fridays in the 4 p.m. hour, Saturdays in the 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. hours and Sundays just after 3 p.m.

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Wed. Aug 9 – Fire Fighters Open House with OPP and EMS

Wed. Aug 16 – Minden Merchant Sidewalk Sale During the Day

Thurs. August 17- Haliburton Highlands Time Travelers at Kawartha Dairy

Wed. August 23- Algonquin Outfitters with Kayaks on the Gull River. Meet opposite the Post Office on Invergordon Avenue

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7th Annual Lantern Festival of the August Moon
When: AUGUST 5, 4PM
Where: On the grounds of the Wild Swan Bed and Breakfast 65 Invergordon, Minden

Kinmount Seniors Club Yard Sale
When: Saturday August 5, 2017, 9:00 a.m.-2:00p.m.
Where: behind Kinmount Railway Station
Penny raffle, Bake Table, Vendors

Sizzlin' Summer Service 10 in the Park, Presented by The Church in Haliburton
When: Sunday, August 6 at 10:30 a.m.
Where: Head Lake Park, Haliburton
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Donations to 4Cs Heating Fund
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Rain location – Lakeside Baptist Church
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Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, August 9, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
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When: August 11, 7-9pm, August 12, 10am-4pm
Where: Minden Community Centre
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Contact: mindenhorticulturalsociety.ca

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Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
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Land Trust Discovery Days Teddy Bear Picnic
When: Thursday August 24, 10:00am to 12:00 noon
Where: Dahl Forest
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Recurring Events

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Contact: Chalene Smith, 705-457-3985

Haliburton County Farmers Market
Where: Haliburton - Head Lake Park
When: Tuesday (May 23 - Oct 3)
Time: 12 - 4pm
Contact information: incredibleHCFMA@gmail.com / 705-306-0523
Description: Farmers Market offering local seasonal produce, meats, cheese, baked goods, preserves, prepared foods and hand-crafted artisan items.

Haliburton County Farmers Market
Where: Minden - Parking lot of the Municipal Buildings
When: Saturday (May 20 - Oct 7)
Time: 10 - 2pm
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Photographers capture moving water

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club runs regular photography competitions. This most recent one asked members to capture images of moving water. These are the top three winners by experience level. Each photo was taken within the last year.

- First Novice and overall winner: "Spring Run Off" by Heather Welham (bottom right)
- First Advanced: "Albion Falls" by Amin Shivji (bottom left)
- First Intermediate: "Glacial Speed" by Dave Denis (top right)

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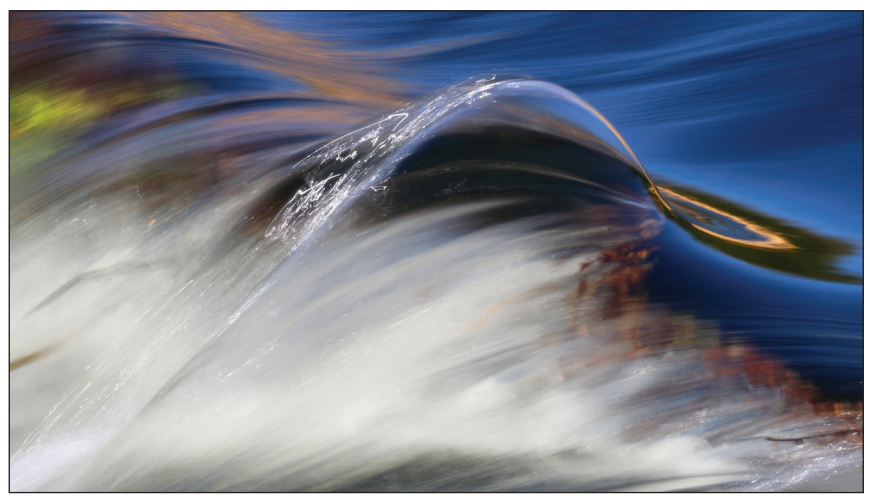

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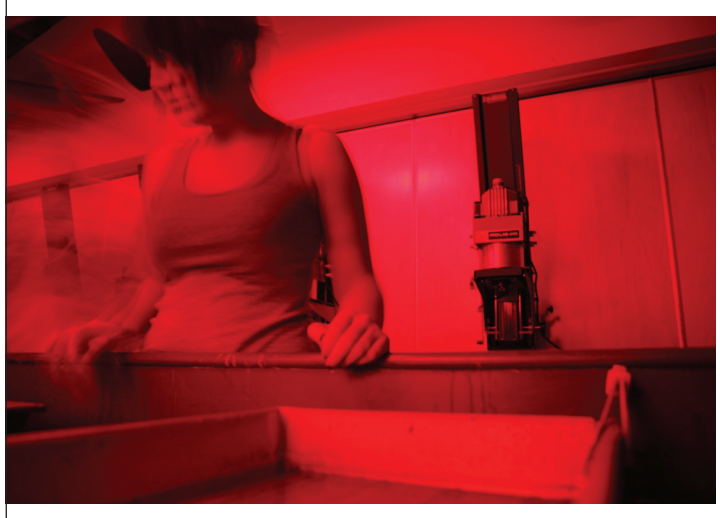

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Septics responsible for phosphorous loading

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These special rules kick in when dissolved oxygen levels fall below the point at which lake trout can't survive. When the Ministry of Environment (MOE) determines oxygen levels on a trout lake have fallen below this point, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) puts that lake on an "at capacity" list and asks municipal governments to put any further lot creation around that lake on hold.

More than 40 per cent of Haliburton trout lakes have been declared "at capacity" or "borderline" according to recent MNRF numbers. A common denominator among at capacity lakes is a high level of phosphorous giving rise to greater than normal oxygen-depleting organic activity.

The county's adoption of a shoreline tree preservation bylaw has been seen as a step in the right direction. However, according to the MOE, the largest single source of excessive phosphorous loadings in trout lakes is private septic systems, thousands of which are spread across the county. Many of these systems were installed a long time ago and there are probably a significant number in need of major upgrade.

No one likes to be told their septic system has to be repaired or upgraded, especially if it comes with a significant cost attached. But the cumulative impact of thousands of individual phosphorous sources leaking into lakes can create serious environmental and economic fallout for the community.

If there is a significant threat posed by aging, substandard or failing septic systems to the health of Haliburton lakes, as scientific evidence strongly suggests, then the case for mandatory septic re-inspection is compelling.

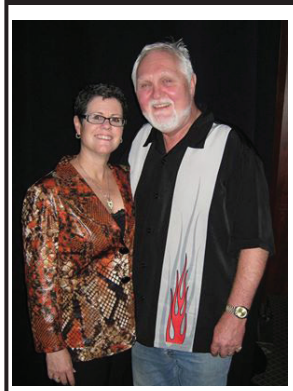
We need to talk about how to stop the slide in the health of our lakes in Haliburton. Mandatory septic re-inspection would be a great place to start.

Adapted from an article by Terry Moore, on behalf of Environment Haliburton

Find events listings for your lake on page 10.

Calm lake

Grace Judge sent in this idyllic lakefront image. Grace, who goes to school at J.D. Hodgson Elementary in Haliburton, says she takes photos everywhere she goes.



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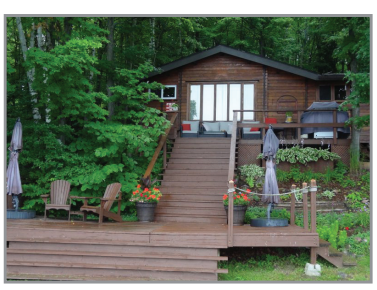

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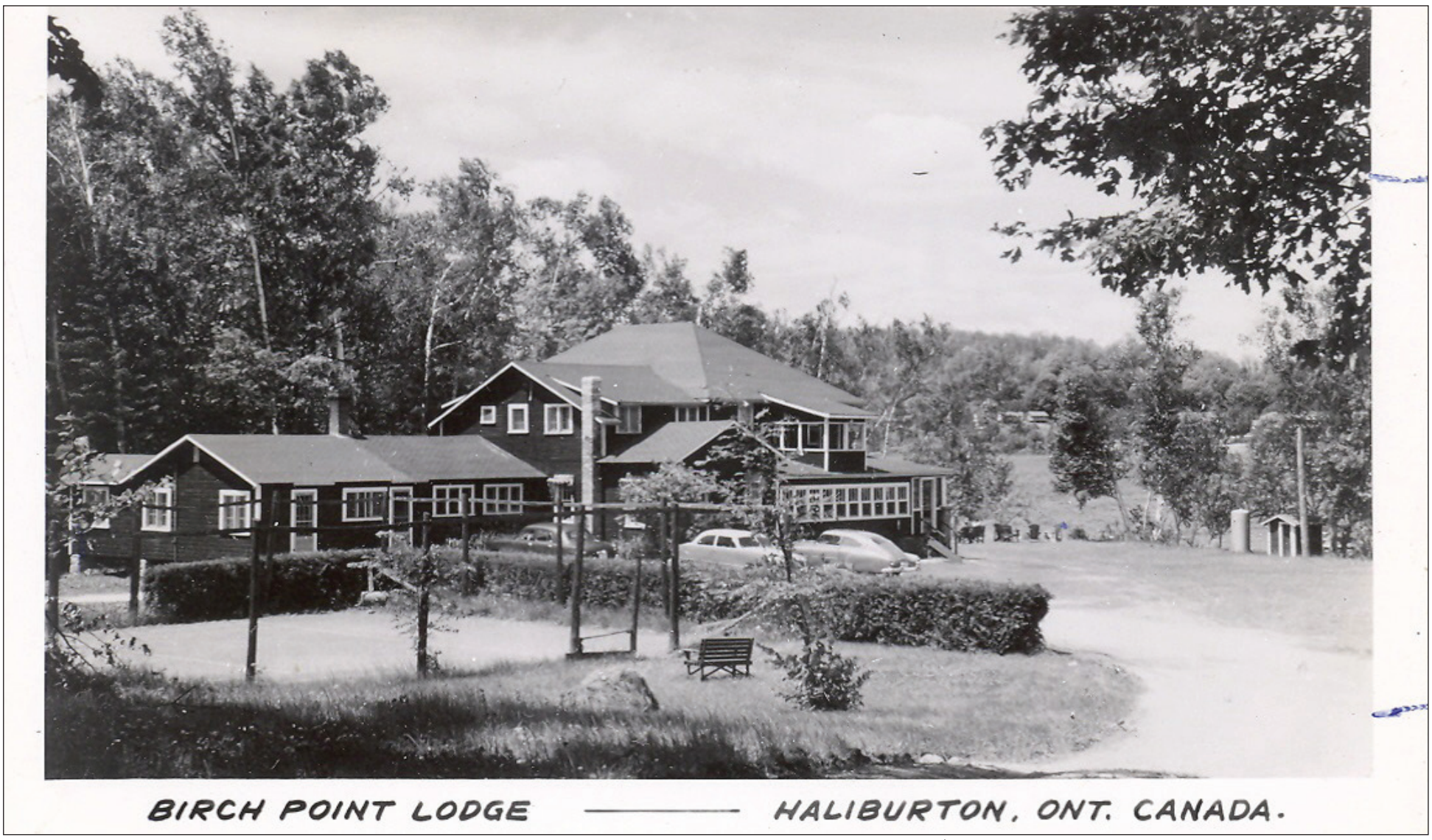

The Birch Point Lodge opened on Lake Kashagawigamog in 1922 and closed in 2003. Back in the day, Tim Hagarty says he and his family would visit Birch Point for $22 a week, with three home cooked meals a day included in the cost. Birch Point was one of 17 resorts on Kashagawigamog and Canning Lake in the mid-20th century. Today, only three remain. /PHOTO SUBMITTED

Resorts were backdrop of Haliburton's recent history

ROBERT MACKENZIE
County Life Staff

New Year's Eve was always a special night in Dennis Casey's house growing up, but not just because of the ball drop. After midnight on Jan. 1, a steady string of phone calls would ring through the house for the next hour or two as his mother Jean booked guests for the upcoming summer at Haliburton's Birch Point Lodge.

Birch Point wouldn't let its visitors book a year in advance, so hopeful vacationers had to wait till Jan. 1 to book that summer's accommodations.

"I bet you my Mom would get 20 phone calls," Casey tells me in the lounge of the Bonnie View Inn on Lake Kashagawigamog. "It became a joke over the years. People just wanted to make sure that they got the cabin that they always had."

Casey, 66, was the fourth and final generation of his family to own Birch Point when he bought it from his parents in 1986. Ten years later Casey sold the business, and by 2003 the lodge had closed for good.

During the mid 20th century, Birch Point was one of 17 resorts on Kashagawigamog and Canning Lake that would fill up during the summer as families escaped to Haliburton for their vacations. But as the years

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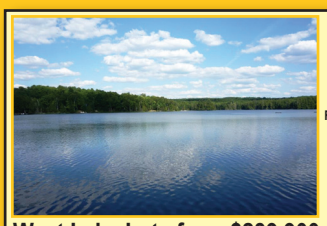
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Birch Point was 'best experience' for teen

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wore on rising prices, cheaper international options and increasing property values helped lead to a steep decline in Haliburton's resort industry.

Today there are four lakefront homes/cottages in place of what was once the Birch Point Lodge. Neighbouring those properties to the west is the Bonnie View Inn, one of two resorts remaining on Kashagawigamog.

Casey's grandfather and great grandmother opened Birch Point in 1922, one of the first resorts on the lake and in Haliburton at that time. By the time Casey started working there as a dishwasher in the '60s, Birch Point was one of many resorts in the area where families would spend their weeks of vacation during the summer.

Tim Hagarty was a guest at Birch Point most summers from the time he was a kid until 2000, three years before it closed. After buying a cottage in Haliburton, and later moving up full time in 2010, he began putting together a history of the resorts in the area. Tim says the weeks he spent at Birch Point every summer made him feel at home and at ease.

"I can remember driving down the hill at Birch Point, even when I was an adult, and you just went 'ah, we're here,'" he says. "You didn't have to do anything. You could just sit there and look at the water, look at the trees or look at the birds and God knows what. And that, I think, was the driver, you could do whatever you wanted."

When he was young, Tim remembers going to Birch Point for $22 a week, with three meals included in the price. Along with the food, which was "amazing," he says the people are what made the atmosphere at the resorts special. The cabins were relatively bare bones, "four walls, a couple windows, and a screened in porch if you're lucky," and it was up to the guests to make their own fun.

"The same people tended to come back at the same time, so you'd have this sort of a summer family that would get together once a year," he says. "You'd put together golf tournaments or shuffleboard tournaments, or you'd have a skit night on Friday night, dances would happen, and it was all really mostly done by the guests."

Andrea Hagarty has been working in resorts since she was 13, spending her summers at Birch Point Lodge. Hagarty has been managing the Bonnie View Inn since 1995, and has owned it since 2005. Once her daughter Macy, 14, graduates high school, Hagarty says she plans to sell Bonnie View. /ROBERT MACKENZIE Staff

Today, the state of the resort industry in Haliburton has changed. While Tim would visit Birch Point for a week or two, people nowadays are more likely to go for only a few days.

"Kids are too busy now," says Tim's niece Andrea Hagarty, owner and manager of the Bonnie View Inn. "Kids have so many after school jobs or so many sports they're in. Now you can play hockey all year, you can play soccer all year, so I find families are just so much more hectic. They can only sneak away for two or three nights, not the seven- or 14-day holidays they used to do."

Andrea has been managing the Bonnie

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When: Friday, August 11 & Saturday, August 12, 2017
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When: Sunday, August 20, 2017 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
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When: Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 8:15 am to 7:30 pm
Where: Wilberforce Curling Club
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Recycling Information Sessions

When: Saturday, August 19, 2017
10:00 am to 11:00 am Cardiff Community Centre, Cardiff
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Resorts change tack with shifting economy

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View since 1995, and took ownership in 2005. She remembers going to Birch Point with her family for a week every summer when she was young. Once she turned 13, Andrea began spending her summers working at the lodge under Casey.

"Working [at Birch Point] for the summers was like the best experience I've ever had. And I don't think I'd be such a good worker now if I didn't do that then," she says.

Andrea now works hard to adapt to changes that have damaged the Haliburton resort industry in order to keep Bonnie View afloat.

One way she's adapted is by shifting her focus to booking weddings. Bonnie View hosted 32 weddings last year and this year is set to host another 27. Andrea says weddings are more reliable than booking a number of different guests for weekends at a time.

This is also the first year that Bonnie View isn't offering any meal plans for guests. While the Bonnie View still runs a restaurant, Andrea estimates that about half of her guests now either make their own food or go out to places in town in order to cut costs.

According to Andrea, one of the reasons she's put so much time and energy into running Bonnie View for all these years is the people.

"Honestly, for that rush when people are like 'oh my gosh, that was so amazing,' or 'Andrea, you made our day,' or when I see TripAdvisor and they have my name all over it. I make people happy. I love that part." (That affection seems to go both ways, as Andrea stops to give multiple hugs to guests who are checking out while we talk.)

Another reason she's kept the business is for her children. Running the inn has allowed her to work with both of her children and see them every day. But once her youngest child, Macy, 14, graduates high school, Andrea plans to move on from the Bonnie View, as she's ready for a change in her lifestyle.

"I've always lived upstairs since I was 19. I've never had my own kitchen, I've never had my own house. I don't even know how to cook," she says.

If she were to sell Bonnie View, there's a chance the resort could go the way of many before it on Kashagawigamog – torn down and turned into lake houses and cottages.

When Casey's family bought the Birch Point property, they spent $750 on the approximately 1,000 foot shoreline. When Birch Point was shut down and sold for good, Casey says the property was worth more than the business itself, with the four lots it stood on selling for more than $1 million in the end.

Dysart Councillor Dennis Casey was the fourth generation of his family to own the Birch Point Lodge when he bought it from his parents in 1986. Casey first started working at Birch Point, which his great grandmother and grandfather opened in 1922, when he was about 12 years old. Today, Casey helps out Andrea Hagarty as a part-time bookkeeper at the Bonnie View Inn. /ROBERT MACKENZIE Staff

"That's really to me, in my mind, what did the resort industry in. Those that were struggling on prime pieces of property said 'Enough of this nonsense. Here's some guy here with a cheque for a million or two million or whatever, I'm taking it and I'm going,'" Casey says.

Along with an increase in property value, and higher prices teamed with cheaper vacation options elsewhere have hurt operations.

There are no more $22 weeks like Tim experienced back in the day. "Now you're paying $200 a week, $300 a week, $400 a week, $500 a week...[The prices] had to go up," Tim says. "And it got easier to go to Niagara Falls, or it got easier to go to Florida or god knows wherever they're going."

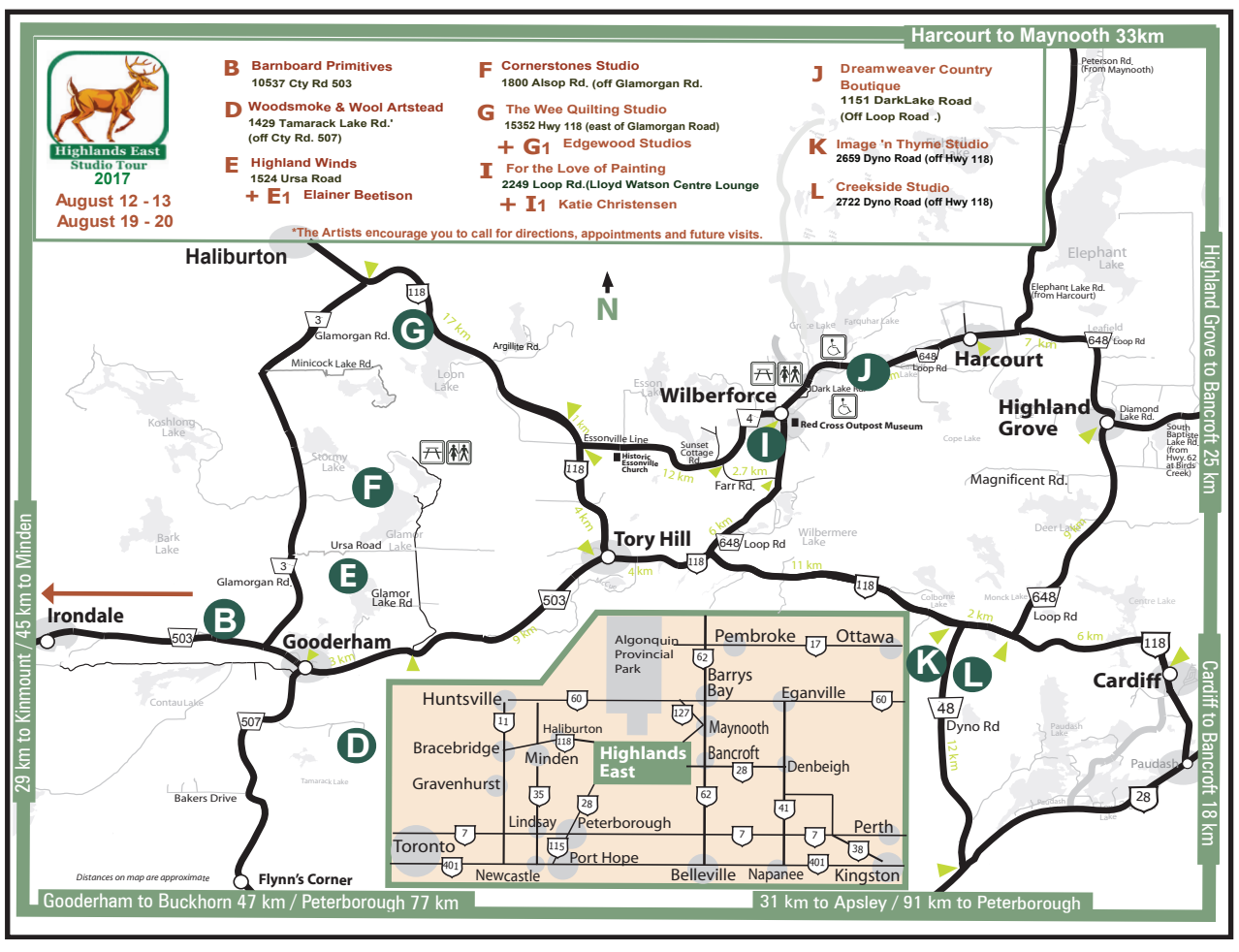
"I used to be able to guarantee that every weekend would be full all year, and I wouldn't take weddings because I didn't have to worry about weekends. It was always just full, but that's changed a lot," Andrea says. "In the winter I think people are going away a lot more. It's so cheap to go to Cuba or Dominican. And for my prices in the winter, people expect it to be cheaper than in the summer, but my hydro bill in the winter is $15,000 a month so I can't make it cheaper."

Despite all these challenges, Andrea believes she has seen a bit of a shift at the Bonnie View over the past three years, with people her age who experienced these local resorts as children starting to bring up the families they now have. For those who do have nostalgia for the time they used to spend in resorts around the lake, Andrea has collected a number of relics from Birch Point since it closed: from their candy cabinet and tea sets, to even buying a couple of the lodge's cabins.

Another memory from the Birch Point is Casey, who now does part-time bookkeeping for Andrea at Bonnie View while he serves as a Dysart councillor.

Casey doesn't believe that Haliburton resorts are a dying business, but he says in order for them to run it takes someone like Andrea who can pick up quickly on trends that appeal to her guests and also provide the traditional principles that attracted people to the lake's resorts in the first place.

"All my life growing up in the resort, my grandfather said that if you kept it clean, you served good food and it was comfortable, people would come back. And that's what I always worked on," Casey says. "Andrea's basically done...that work. She's kept it clean, it's comfortable, serves good food. This isn't a fancy place but it's full, and I think that's the reason why."



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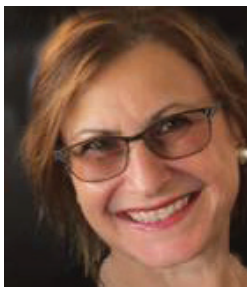

MARCI MANDEL
ON THE WHITE TRAIL

A FEW SUMMERS ago we swam across the lake to jump off the rocks. One, two, three, and off jumped my first friend. One, two, three, and off jumped my other friend. One, two, three…four, 14, 40, 400 and I was still there, standing at the top looking out over the lake and the rocks below.

One, two, three…and step…back. One, two, three…and step…back again. It was like there was a physical wall stopping me from jumping, holding me back. I couldn't see it but I'm telling you, it was there!

I felt like I was in a cartoon or a sci-fi movie; fear was real and it was impenetrable. My friends encouraged me again and again then finally had to give up. After treading water for 15 minutes they swam back to our dock figuring I was never going to do this.

I, however, am a Capricorn and was determined to jump: to move through this barrier and be free! I changed my stance, thinking it would be better to take off on my left foot. Try. Try. Nope. I kept thinking how I could master this. Surely there was a logical way. Try. Try. Nope.

And then a neighbour came by. No words, just a friendly, soft smile, and over he went. I can't tell you what happened, but there was a purity in that moment that opened something up and I jumped. There was nothing logical about it. I jumped and it was beautiful.

True magic happened up on that rock and it changed me - allowed me to walk right through the wall. No, allowed me to let go of the need to have a wall!

Was it a kind, gentle soul?

A soft summer breeze?

A lightness of spirit that instantly recognized itself and took to the air?

Wow, the power of pure love. We can do anything in its presence, its wonder, its magnificence.

The next year I went back and tried to jump again thinking I'd learned my lesson about softness, about opening my heart and letting go of anxiety. This time, it only took 15 minutes instead of 30 to fully surrender. I was jumping from a new place, one a little higher, and had to adjust. I didn't sense a stone wall around me this time but the extra height was challenging my comfort zone. When I acclimatized and saw some others jump, I centred myself, went to my inner soft-spot, and leapt.

There was a line in *The Shawshank Redemption* – Get busy living, or get busy dying – and walking right into something that scared me was a bold act of choosing aliveness.

For a while, that was what I thought the lesson was about – confidently standing up to limiting beliefs and choosing aliveness. But recently I was sitting on the dock with a different friend and reminiscing about the personal victory.

I saw a slim smile of recognition on his face but sensed it was about something different. The story for him wasn't just about the courage to walk into what scares you, he was more appreciative of the quiet guy whose softness was so huge, so powerful, it melted my fear and inspired me to take the leap. What an incredible gift the neighbour offered. His humility, his gentleness, and his relaxed casualness tickled a part of me that had been long awaiting this simple gesture of reassurance. I'll never forget it.

All is well.

Love is here.

As a grandparent, it's not unusual to offer encouragement and assurance along the way to grandchildren. I've become used to being the first one in the water, down a slide or on a ride. But sometimes adults need reassurance too. "Jumping In" can take many forms, and leading the way smiling peacefully is a gesture that can change the world and the way we see ourselves in it. No need to fight fear, no need to fight despair.

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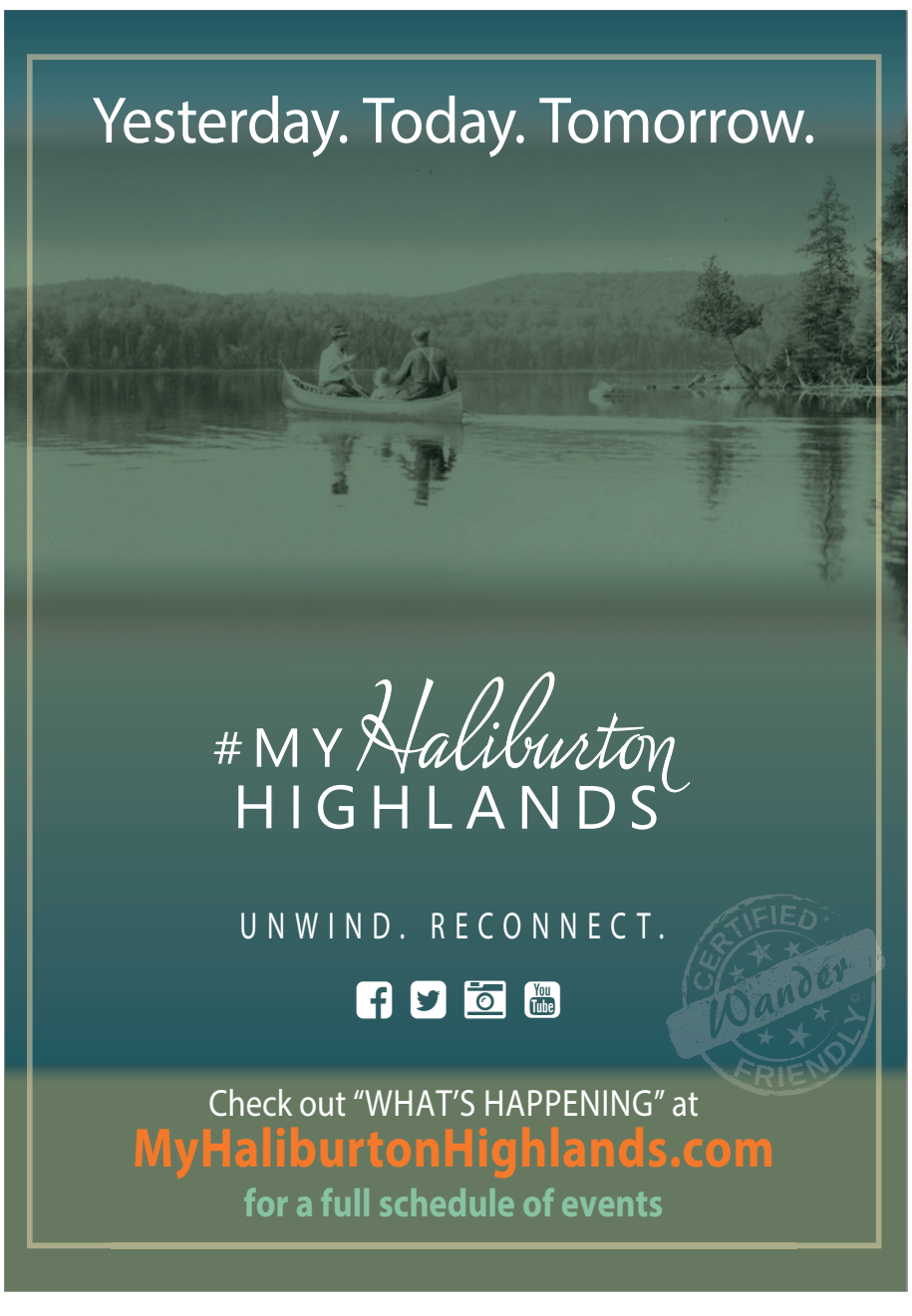

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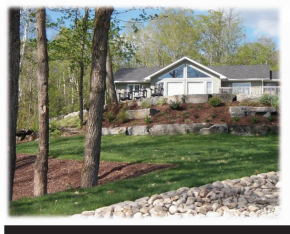

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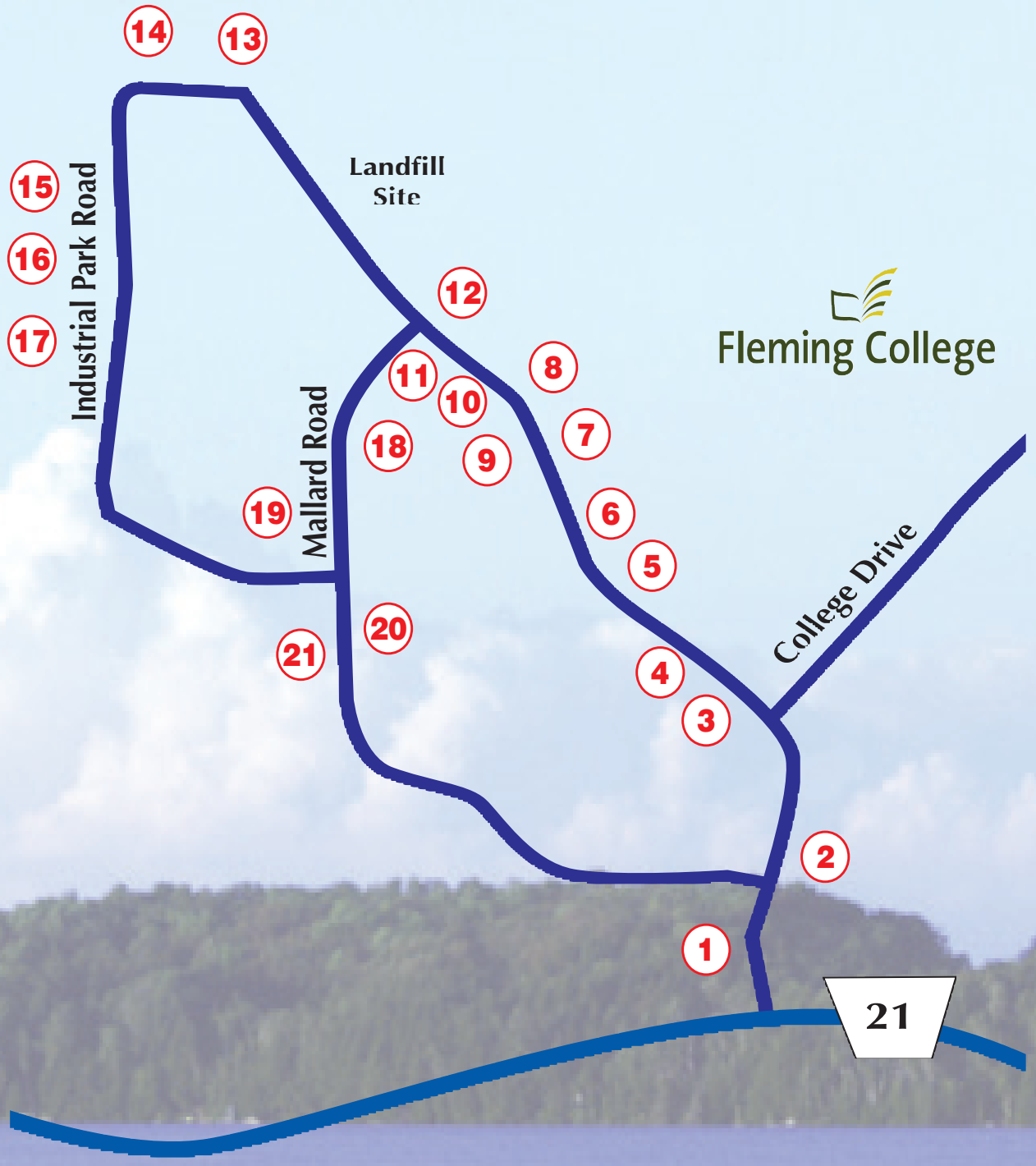

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Laking House was built for Lila Laking following the disappearance of her husband Jack. In May of 1917, Jack and his friend were paddling across Drag Lake with the company payroll. They never made it to camp. Some think they drowned. Others believe they made off with the money. This home, which is now the office of the Haliburton Echo on the corner of Highland Street and Cedar Avenue, was built for Lila by her father-in-law following Jack's disappearance and assumed death. /Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum from the Jack Hoxie collection

An Echo of Haliburton's history

MARTHA PERKINS

Special to *County Life*

The following story was originally published in the May 20, 1997, edition of the Haliburton County Echo. Staff had just moved into Laking House, built in 1917. The story has been shortened and edited.

You can check out the Laking House, marking its 100th year, during Midnight Madness in Haliburton on Friday, Aug. 4.

From its perch atop a small hill, the house at the corner of Highland and Cedar streets has been a witness to the ebb and flow of life in Haliburton village for most of the 20th century.

Through its windows, you could see the train disgorging the weary but jubilant soldiers returning home at the end of the First World War, and the crowds which would gather kitty corner from you to unveil the new cenotaph beside the William Lucas house.

In its bedrooms, you could awaken to the buzz of the saws cutting through the large timbers that had been floating in the waters of Head Lake, thickened like a stew of sawdust. As years passed, the silenced saws would give way to the buzz of outboard engines as the lake became the focal point of the newly revised Haliburton, a mecca for cottagers and tourists eager to escape The City in the south.

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We start with Erven Pinckney Hoxie (1848-1922) and Alice Morphet Lucas (1857-1941). Hoxie, a lumberman, is the newcomer, but only to Haliburton. His family was among the first settlers on Plymouth Rock; his father was one of the first members of the Berkshire Bar Association and his first cousin was Susan B. Anthony, a leader of women's suffrage fame.

As Haliburton's social distinctions went, Alice was also part of an elite. Her father, John Lucas, was one of the village's first settlers and after co-owning a lakeside sawmill, built the proud brick building that lived up to its name as the Grand Hotel. When he died in 1875, his son John Jr. took over the hotel and became one of the town's leading businessmen and community shapers.

Married in July of 1883, it's believed the half-acre lot on the corner was Erven and Alice's marriage gift from the Lucas family, who had a large number of property holdings. They would have three children: Lila Eugenia Hoxie (1883-1966), Vallance Pinckney Hoxie (1887-1917), and Elwood Anthony Pinckney Hoxie (1889-1935).

They built their house, now owned by their grandson Alan Hoxie, on the large chunk of property that now encompasses the Count and Countess Edouard de Moustier's house (built by the Hoxies to replace their smaller house in 1902-03) and the Echo office. [It is now Heads Up hair salon.]

Like the rest of the other nine townships of Dysart et al, the property was first patented by the Canadian Land and Emigration Company, purchased in 1865. When the company got into financial difficulty, Wesley Henry Erskine bought 72 acres in Block F, Concession 8, Dysart township for $800 in 1879. In 1895, Alice Hoxie bought - or it was given to her by the Lucas family, who hadn't properly registered their ownership - the half-acre for $150, with the help of the $70 mortgage, which she paid off in 1898. (The Haliburton Highlands Museum says proper registration of land ownership and sales wasn't much of a priority in the area's early days. It's not unusual for people to build on land they didn't yet own on paper and perhaps the Registry Office felt the Land Company should have kept its own records.)

When Lila Hoxie was 27, she married John T. Laking, the son of William Laking, "lumber baron." An obituary in The Globe in 1931 outlines William Laking's life thus: "Mr. Laking was born in Lincolnshire, England, and came to Canada when he was 17 years of age to join an older brother in East Flamboro'. He worked as a farmhand and in the shingle mill then owned by George Green of Mountsberg. The youth appreciated the possibilities of the lumber business and mastered every phase of it with the result that he later acquired Mr. Green's mill and operated it successfully for many years.

"Mr. Laking was one of the first to ship shingles to the United States. Much of the land west of here 50 years ago had large stands of timber, and Mr. Laking purchased much of this from settlers. His business so expanded that he established sawmills at Strabane, Carlisle, Freelton, and Haliburton. Later, Mr. Laking came to Hamilton and was in business here for many years as a member of the firm of Laking and Patterson. He owned the Riverdale Lumber Company of Toronto, and also had large interests in Haliburton."

The Laking presence was indeed strongly felt in Haliburton. Not only did William own the water-powered mill at the Drag River dam, but he also owned virtually an entire block of the buildings on main street. The main L-shaped building was on the corner of Highland and Maple, where Home Hardware is today and in the brick house attached to the store, newlyweds John and Lila Laking made their home.

Lila's nephew, 84-year-old Jack Hoxie, the first son of Vallance Hoxie, remembers a hodgepodge of buildings behind the store, including a stable and storage sheds.

William Laking was Dysart reeve in 1910, 1911 and 1912, when he also became county warden. John (Jack) was essentially in charge of running the local business and would follow in his father's political footsteps, becoming reeve in 1914 and 1915. Although it's probably not the legacy he would have preferred, Jack would also be credited in having one of the most mysterious deaths of Haliburton's history.

In May of 1917, Laking and his friend Lee Lindsay, who was a mail clerk at the train station, were paddling their way across Drag Lake to the Laking lumber camp. In their possession was the camp's payroll and on one of Laking's fingers was the notoriously large diamond ring, valued at, or so the story goes, $5,000.

They never made it to the camp. A search would reveal the upturned canoe and paddle, but absolutely

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no sign of the two men. Distraught, William Laking would hire men to drag the lake for the bodies all that summer, to no avail. The bodies were never recovered.

Was it an unfortunate accident? Was it murder, the motive being acquisition of the ring and payroll? Or was it, as the insurance company apparently suspected, that the two men had scarpered with the money, ready to sell Laking's ring to enrich their new life, perhaps in the United States? Jack Hoxie says that because of the suspicious nature of their "deaths," the insurance company would take 10 years to make any sort of financial restitution.

So there was Lila Laking, a widow after only six years of marriage, alone with a young daughter, Evelyn, who is believed to have been born in 1914. They'd need a new place to live because Lila's house next to the store would be occupied by the new manager.

In October of 1917, registry office documents show that her mother, Alice, gave Lila the corner lot of the Hoxie property and starting that month, her father-in-law built her an impressive new home there, a home fitting for such a family of local distinction.

And impressive it was. Two storeys tall, with its porch giving it a sweeping view of the lake, it had all the modern conveniences. While nearly everyone else in town had an outhouse in the backyard, it had a gravity-feed "flush" toilet on the second floor (the water came from a cistern) and a "chemical" toilet in the basement. Drinking water would still have to come from the pump two doors up at the Hoxie house, but there was a maid, and later Evelyn's children, who could do that chore.

Women reigned supreme in this house, and they also were part of the village's social monarchy. Lila was a founding member of the Haliburton chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and of course, she was a staunch Church of Englander, sitting on various committees at St. George's Anglican Church, where there is a stained glass window dedicated to her husband's memory.

By some reports, she had an imperious manner to match. Her grandson, Michael Brodhagen, uses the following illustration. For Lila, Monday was wash day, just as it was for many women across the country. But unlike those women, she wasn't the one who did the washing. That was the job of her maid, Edith Day, who would hang out the clothes and sheets to dry every Monday afternoon. Now it so happened that the train would also arrive at the Haliburton station, just across the street, every Monday. If the wind was blowing north, the smoke from the engine would drift over the Laking yard and blacken the newly washed laundry. Instead of allowing Edith to choose a more appropriate time to do the laundry, Lila would yell

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Portrait of John Thomas Laking (1880-1917). /Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum

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Lila Eugenia Hoxie (1883-1966) married John (Jack) Laking in 1911. They were married for six years until he disappeared taking company payroll across Drag Lake. /Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum

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at the train master for allowing the train to arrive on a Monday and ruin her washing. To her mind, it was better to change the train schedule than her traditional wash day.

As Lila grew older, her weight and health made it impossible for her to climb the stairs, so she took over two of the rooms on the ground floor. "She'd read her Toronto Telegram every day and would have visitors come by like royalty," Michael says. His mother Evelyn had a femininely decorated room upstairs.

"Evelyn was about five-foot-seven, blond hair, and she would never leave without all her makeup on and dressed to the hilt," her son says. "There was a piano in the front room and remember the parties."

Family lore has it that one day, Harold Brodhagen, a muscled boxing impresario who also played the violin, drove into town and said, "Who's the prettiest and richest girl in town because I'm going to marry her." He found her, married her, but shortly after they conceived their fourth child, Michael, who was born in 1946, Evelyn and Harold Brodhagen divorced. Years later, he'd write a memoir called The Fighting Violinist in which he paints a critical picture of his life here.

"Everything that happened in Dad's life he blamed on other people. He put down Mother and to me that's just not on," says Michael, who had a distant but fairly warm relationship with his father, whom he saw more as a buddy than a father. In the book, Harold indulges in a little pity when he says he doesn't even know where his children are; Michael says he was in touch with all of them, when and if he wanted to be. (Harold died many years ago.)

Troubles with the marriage aside, their four children had a fairly idyllic childhood in the house, a source of all kinds of wonderful memories: Sylvia, who would marry Robert Bishop (not one of the local Bishops), Lynda, who would marry James Moore (their daughter is local physiotherapist Wendy Hill), David and Michael. Michael is the only one who lives in Haliburton, though between his childhood and today, he has also lived in towns from one coast to the other.

For Michael, his mother was a distant figure, far removed from the joys and sorrows of a young boy's life. Evelyn had grown up a spoiled and pampered little girl and in many ways, she remained that way through adulthood.

"Mother was not a mother," he says. "She was always just the lady of the house. Deedee (Edith Day) nourished me and cuddled me and made sure I got to Sick Children's Hospital when I got rheumatic fever when I was six. Deedee was the focus of my emotional attention."

Illness made Michael spend a lot of time indoors with his mother and grandmother. On a tour of the Echo office, he says "Jack [Hoxie] and Deedee bought

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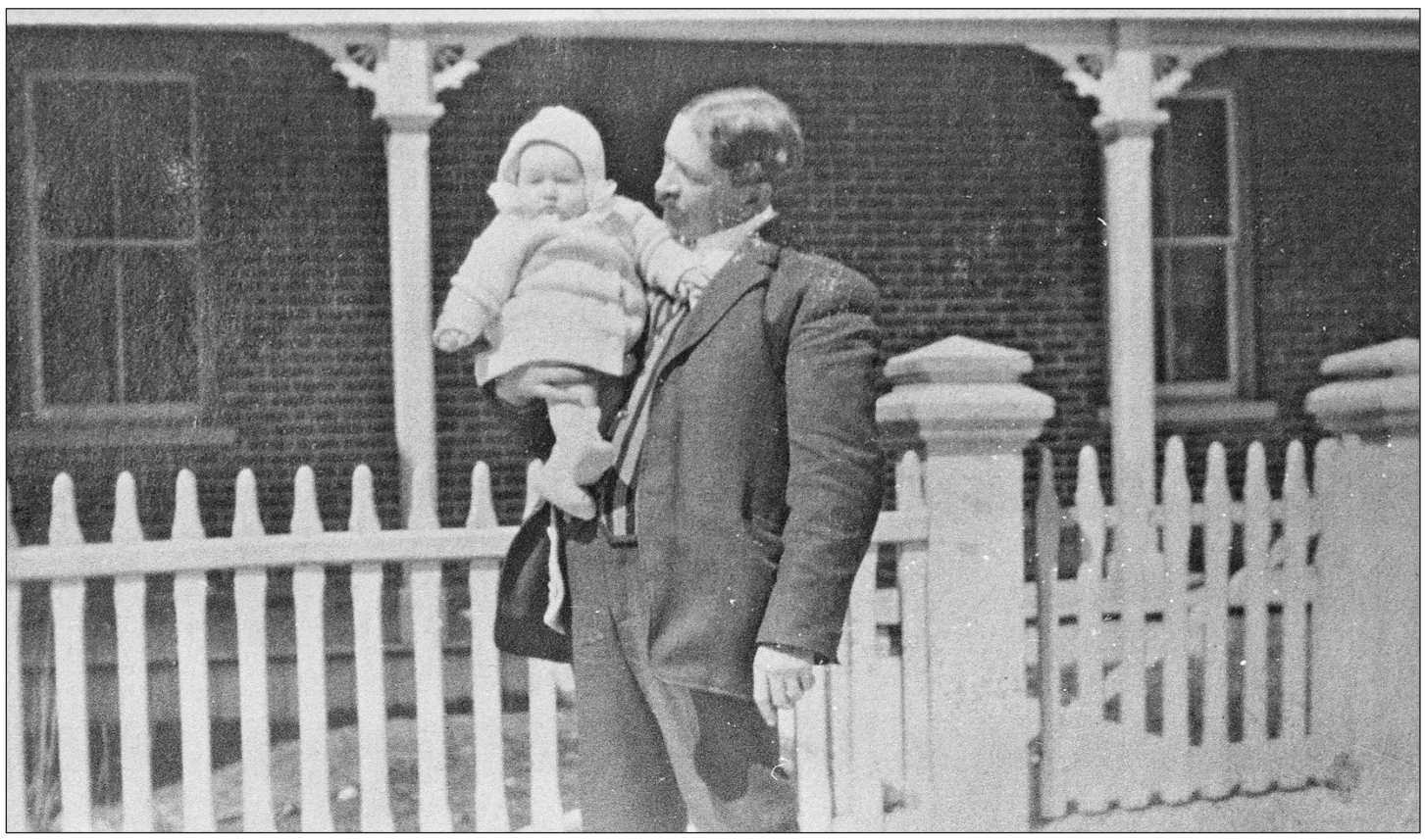
me this beautiful train set. It was a figure eight and I had it here [in front of the window in the reporter's office]." He moves into another office. In front of its high window is a V-shaped bench, which Michael used to climb to look out at the streetscape. "I'd sneak up here - I wasn't supposed to get out of bed - and watch them pour the foundation for the new post office. In the bathroom, he points out the laundry shoot. When his mother and grandmother were downstairs playing cards at night with friends, Michael and his sister Lynda would send David downstairs. He'd tell his grandmother he was using the downstairs toilet, which she approved of because that saved water for the use of the upstairs toilet. But then he'd sneak into the pantry and steal cookies and fruit, which he would load into a basket Michael and Lynda had lowered down the laundry shoot. When ready to have them pull it back upstairs, he'd tug on the rope and then hurry back up to share in the spoils.

Playing cards was not the only thing the women were doing. Michel remembers when the local bootlegger came regularly to deliver a box of cucumbers. Hidden under the cucumbers was a mickey, the contents of which would be discreetly sipped during the card games.

In 1966, Lila Laking died "due to malady that left no chance for recovery," her Echo obituary says, and the funeral was held from the house that she had watched being built in 1917. She in turn left the house to her daughter, who had never had a job at home or in the village, nor even felt the need to work. Michael's not sure of what became of the family's money, but it was all gone by 1974 when Evelyn couldn't afford to pay the bills anymore. She offered it to her four children in exchange for covering maintenance costs and it was Sylvia who took her up on the offer.



Jack Laking holds his daughter Evelyn in front of the residential wing of the William Prust building in Haliburton (now Walkers Home Hardware). Jack and his wife Lila lived therein; the building was the offices and manager's residence for the William Laking Lumber Co. /Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum

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Perhaps there was some bad financial advice. Lila Laking used to own the large island on Lake Kashagawigamog and sold it for only $5,000. Should she have got a better price? Maybe. Maybe her investments weren't as profitable as they could have been either.

"They had no idea how to keep money," Michael says. "People who earn their money wear it well. People who inherit it tend to squander it and Mother was a classic. She had spent all her money, it was all gone, spent."

Once the house passed to Sylvia and Bob, they'd come up occasionally with their children, but over time, the house lost a lot of its former splendor. Evelyn Brodhagen died a short time after she gave the house to Sylvia and in 1987, Sylvia sold the house to Keith Jackson, who renovated it and turned it into his real estate office. In October of 1996, he sold it to Echo publisher Len Pizzey, who built an addition - designed by Echo staffer Sandi Luck - which retains the integrity of the original building.

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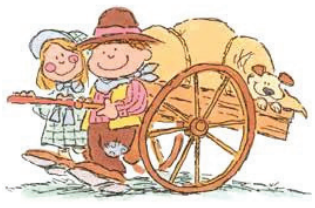

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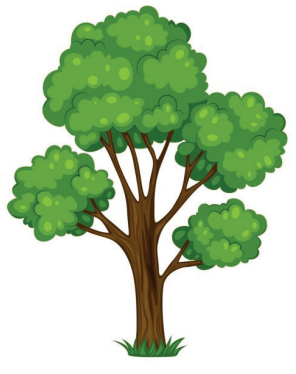

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County may get lawyer for hearing

Haliburton County officials are considering hiring a lawyer or consulting firm to help the county present its case at the hearing into the CN closing of the Haliburton rail line, September 9 in Lindsay.

Malcolm McGillivray, Haliburton County warden, said Monday he thought the county would probably be hiring a lawyer to represent it.

After receiving a suggestion from the Haliburton Economic Development Commission, McGillivray instructed the county clerk, Win Lahay, to telephone the municipal reeves and find out their feelings on the matter.

Although McGillivray had not spoken to Lahay since she completed the survey, he said: "I don't see why they wouldn't (support it)." He added if Cardiff, his municipality, was in favour of the rail line staying and it was one of the farthest points away from the line, the other municipalities should support the idea.

The question of hiring a solicitor or consulting firm will not be dealt with until the next budget meeting which should be in the near future, McGillivray said.

No cost figures are yet available as the budget committee will have to determine the amount of funds that might be available if a lawyer or consulting firm is hired.

'Vials of Life' now available free to seniors

The Haliburton ambulance service will be providing 'Vials of Life' free to interested senior citizens beginning this week.

Wayne Wood said on Monday the program is designed to help ambulance men and firemen look after unconscious people.

The vial is a small bottle containing a person's complete medical history. When the medical history form is filled in, it is to be rolled up and the vial will be put inside the refrigerator. Then a special decal is to be affixed to the door of the refrigerator to inform the rescuers of the victim's condition in the event of an emergency.

The service is very com-

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The devastation in the foreground is all that remained of a 100 foot wide section of Highway 503 Monday after a beaver dam burst, sending a torrent of water down on the road. In the background, a worker stands on all that remains of the eastbound lane.

Would be used to defray administration costs

Lutterworth wants $400 closure fee

Lakefront property owners in Lutterworth Township wishing to purchase the 66-foot marine allowance along the shoreline will be required to pay a deposit of $400 to the township before an application is considered.

Council decided at its regular meeting last Thursday night that owners will have to put down a deposit to show they have intent to purchase the property.

The deposit should be "large enough to show that he's going to go through with it," councillor Bill Valentine said.

Since the county's policy states that lakeshore allowances can be sold for $250 up to 100 feet of lakeshore and $1 per foot for every foot beyond that point, council felt additional money would be needed to cover the township's costs in the sale of the property.

"We're the vendors. We're going to have to be involved up to a point," Reeve Ron Gambell said.

He added that the $250 would not cover certain expenses such as advertisements, deeds and the township's legal fees.

If the entire $400 was not needed to cover costs, councillor Al Stott suggested a rebate could be made to the applicant at the closing of the sale.

Another aspect of the sale of the allowances will be the time consuming on-site inspections which the council intends to carry out.

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Car carried more than 500 feet by flood

Breached beaver dam washes out Hwy. 503

Two people were slightly injured and a provincial highway was extensively damaged early Monday morning when a beaver dam burst, releasing a wall of water which ripped through a heavily wooded area five kilometres east of Gooderham.

The two were riding in a car which plunged off the edge of Highway 503 into a 100-foot wide gap the water had torn through both lanes. A further 1000 feet of highway were undermined and broken by the force of the flood.

Deborah Dahlke, 18, and a passenger were westbound on Highway 503 at approximately 1:30 a.m. when their car went over the edge of the damaged pavement into a torrent of water. the vehicle, with the two still inside, was carried more than 500 feet down the north ditch and deposited in a clump of trees.

Dahlke said in an interview Tuesday that she was driving with her headlights on low beam in heavy rain, and had no warning the road was washed out. She said she felt a "bang" as the car left the pavement and began slamming against uprooted trees and rocks. Water poured in through the doors and windows as the car was swept down the ditch.

"I panicked," she said. "I didn't want to stay in the car, so I stuck my leg out of the window and it hit a tree and smashed the muscle. Finally we stopped, wrapped around a couple of trees."

Dahlke said she and the passenger, her brother, climbed out onto the roof of the car and sat there for "about ten minutes" as the water continued to swirl past the doors.

Another Harcourt resident, Chester Gadway, who was returning from a trip to Port Perry, was the first person on the scene.

Dahlke and her brother began "whistling and shouting and he stopped." Unable to reach the two, Gadway called Glamorgan firefighters, who used a ladder to form a bridge above the water. The two were taken to Haliburton hospital by ambulance, where they were treated for minimal injuries and released.

Damage to Dahlke's 1972 car was estimated at $3000.

"The car is totalled," she said. "The wheels are in shreds and there's sand up to the dashboard."

Police and Ministry of Transportation and Communications personnel sealed off the highway and remained on the scene throughout the night.

An MTC spokesman at the scene estimated that repairs to the highway, which was recently reconstructed, could cost up to $20,000. Crews were dumping sand into the gap in the pavement Monday morning in an effort to have at least one lane open for traffic by late afternoon.

There was no indication of how soon repairs could be completed.

Old documents keep piling up

Lutterworth ponders problem

Lutterworth municipal office staff has a paper problem.

In fact, according to clerk Wayne Hughes, if something isn't done soon the staff will be standing out in the municipal yard and the building will be full of paper.

The clerk told council at its last regular meeting on Thursday night he had been advised by the Ministry of Intergovernmental affairs that guidelines for retention of municipal papers would have to be set down before any papers can be destroyed.

At present the township has papers dating back to around the 1870's but some are of little importance and usually duplicated according to Hughes.

He said in an interview on Monday that he has been concerned with the problem for a considerable time and the staff have managed to clean out the vault and file many of the papers in partial order.

To obtain a by-law for destruction of township papers the clerk will have the municipal auditors set retention dates which will allow some documents to be destroyed after a certain period of time.

However, according to Hughes there are many documents that can never be destroyed such as minutes or by-laws.

The clerk told council there is an urgent need to have the

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Artists at Haliburton School of Fine Arts' summer courses had a chance to try their hand at enamelling, last week. Courses included weaving, painting, quilting and screen printing. Courses will be held throughout the summer. For more pictures see page 14.

Alan Revill, Monmouth councillor, was an attraction in the Country Good Times parade. For story and pictures see page 7.

Can blueberries boost the county's economy?

Bill Moore's experiments may provide the answer

by Len Pizzey

Bill Moore is a man with a dream. And on his farm north of Kinmount, he has begun to turn that dream into a reality. While municipal politicians talk of convincing small scale, clean industries to locate in Haliburton County, boosting its economy, Moore labours on a project which has the potential to put hundreds of thousands of dollars into the pockets of area farmers.

For the past two and a half years, under the guidance of the province's Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Moore has been conducting experiments in the propogation and cultivation of blueberries. And he is enthusiastic about the results. In fact, Moore's work has convinced him that blueberry farming could become a major local industry.

Agriculture in Haliburton County has always been a marginal proposition at best. The soil is simply too acidic to suit most field crops, and neutralizing the acidity with lime is uneconomic.

As Moore puts it, "the land is burned out. It's no good unless you're prepared to put thousands of dollars into it. But why fight the environment? Why put lime onto the soil? It just doesn't make any sense. Why not work with the environment?"

Haliburton County, as anyone who has strayed off the beaten track and into the backwoods will know, has plenty of wild blueberries. The acidic soil, with its thin layer of 'duff', or matted vegetation, is ideally suited to the plant's needs.

Studies conducted by the agriculture ministry have shown that some 30,000 acres in Ontario have the right conditions to support blueberry production. Of that total, some 700 acres lie in Snowdon Township, while hundreds more acres are scattered throughout the rest of the county. With potential returns as high as 3000 quarts per acre (worth up to $6000), even limited efforts to bring local land under cultivation could prove highly profitable, Moore believes.

Plants grow well in acidic soil

Returns could be as high as $6000 an acre

A retired Lever Bros. executive, Moore's involvement in blueberry experimentation began when Haliburton/Victoria agriculture representative Carm Hamilton asked if a member of the then Haliburton County Livestock Producers Association would be interested in testing the viability of the crop. Moore had the land, the time, and as it soon turned out, the consuming interest that was needed to see the project through its initial stages.

Three methods of getting a crop underway were tried simultaneously, with varying success. The easiest, and the most viable on a small scale, is to work with existing blueberry patches. By thinning brush and weeds around the plants and burning off the old stems to give the roots a chance to push out new rhizomes (stem and root systems) old blueberry patches that had ceased to produce berries can be brought under cultivation.

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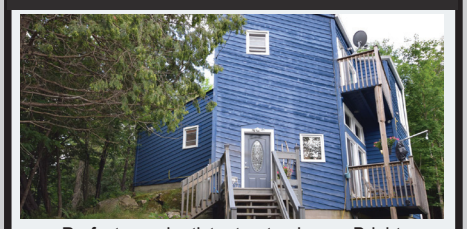

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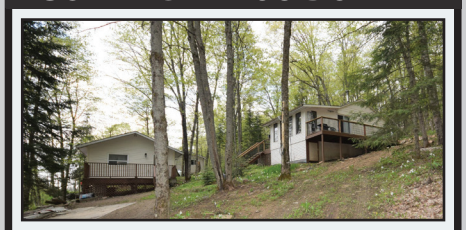

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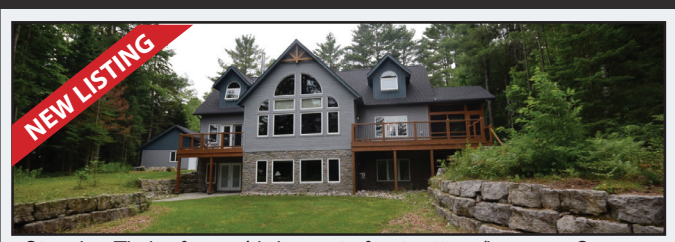

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